

pose and return the same in due time to the clerk of the mayor's court. He shall see that the ordinances and regulations of the board of commissioners are enforced and report all breaches thereof to the mayor; to preserve the peace of the town by suppressing disturbances and apprehending offenders and taking them before the mayor, or if they are intoxicated or in any way not in a condition to be brought before the mayor, to confine them in the guard house until they are in a condition to be brought before him; he shall execute all process directed to him by the mayor or any justice of the peace of Hickory Tavern township within the limits of the town, and in the execution of such process may call to his aid such assistance as may be necessary. He shall have the same fees for his services as are allowed township constables for similar services and such additional compensation as the board of commissioners may allow.

SEC. 10. The board of commissioners (a majority being present) shall have power to make such special ordinances for the better government of the town and the protection of the health and property of its citizens as may be deemed expedient, and the violation of any such ordinance shall be a misdemeanor: *Provided*, the same is in no conflict with the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States. They shall provide for and secure the peace and good order and tranquility of the town against disturbance by quarrels, loud, profane or obscene language, riots, affrays, trespasses or other breaches of the peace, or indecent exposures of the person, by imposing such fines or imprisonment (or hard labor upon the streets in a chain-gang) as they shall deem sufficient to prevent the same or a recurrence thereof. They shall provide for cleaning and repairing the streets and preserving the trees on the squares and the sidewalks. They may also keep open free from obstructions (except railroad houses and property, lumber or other material to be shipped) one hundred feet on each side of the Western North Carolina

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